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# **Vent Documentation**

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Vent is a library that includes a CLI designed to serve as a general platform for analyzing network traffic. Built with some basic functionality, Vent serves as a user-friendly platform to build custom `plugins` on to perform user-defined processing on incoming network data. Vent is filetype-agnostic in that the plugins installed within your specific vent instance determine what type of files your instance supports.

Simply create your `plugins`, point Vent to them, install them, and drop a file in Vent to begin processing!



# CHAPTER 1

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## Dependencies

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```
docker >= 1.13.1
make (if building from source)
pip
python2.7.x
```





## CHAPTER 2

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### Getting Set Up

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There's two ways to get Vent up and running on your machine:

1. Pip:

```
$ pip install vent
```

2. Clone the repo:

```
$ git clone --recursive https://github.com/CyberReboot/vent.git  
$ cd vent
```

3. Build from source (for sudo/root privileged users):

```
$ make
```

Users with limited permissions or require user-local installation can use the following:

```
$ sudo env "PATH=$PATH" make
```

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**Note:** If you already have `docker-py` installed on your machine, you may need to `pip uninstall docker-py` first. `vent` will install `docker-py` as part of the installation process. However, there are known incompatibilities of `docker-py` with older versions.

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Once installed, it's simply:

```
$ vent
```



Want to contribute? Awesome! Issue a pull request or see more [details here](#).

See [this](#) for a crash course on npyscreen: the GUI used by Vent!

### 3.1 Vent Quickstart Guide

Getting Vent set up is quick and easy.

1. First, use pip to install the latest *stable* version of Vent:

- Using pip:

```
pip install vent && vent
```

Developer versions of Vent are available but may not be entirely stable.

- Using Docker:

```
docker pull cyberreboot/vent  
docker run -it vent_image_id
```

In order to avoid having to use sudo or run docker as root, adding your current user to the docker group is the recommended way to work.

- Using Git:

```
git clone https://github.com/CyberReboot/vent  
cd vent && make && vent
```

2. Now that Vent has started, let's add, build, and start the core tools.

1. In the main menu, press `^X` to open the action menu
  2. Select `Core Tools` or press `c`
  3. Select `Add all latest core tools` or press `i`. Vent will now clone the core tools' directories from [CyberReboot/vent](#).
  4. Select `Build core tools` from the core tools sub-menu and use the arrow keys and the Enter key to press OK. It's possible to choose which core tools are built using the Space key. Boxes with an X in them have been selected. Note that building the core tools takes a few minutes. Please be patient while Vent creates the images.
  5. Once the tool images are built, go back to the core tools sub-menu from main action menu and select `Start core tools` and hit OK. Much like `Build core tools`, it's possible to select which core tools are started.
3. The core tools' containers are up and running. Next, let's add some plugins.
1. From the action menu, Select `Plugins` or press `p`.
  2. Select `Add new plugin` or press `a`.
  3. For this quick start guide, we will use one of the example plugins provided from [CyberReboot/vent-plugins](#). So just hit OK on the form.
  4. Press the Space key to choose the `master` branch and hit OK.
  5. Uncheck all the boxes except for `/tcpdump_hex_parser` and hit OK. Depending on the plugin, add times may vary so it is not unusual for long plugin add times.
4. Now we have a plugin that can process files with the extension `.pcap`.
1. Now, at the Vent main menu, look for the field `File Drop`. This is the folder that Vent watches for new files.
  2. Move or copy a `.pcap` file into the path. Vent will recognize this new file and start `tcpdump_hex_parser`. Depending on the size of the `.pcap` file, it could take anywhere from a few seconds to minutes. You should see the `jobs running` counter increase by one and, after the plugin is finished running, the `completed jobs` counter will increase by one.
5. Let's look at the results of the plugin using `elasticsearch`.
1. From the action menu, select `Services Running` and select `Core Services`.
  2. Copy the address next to `elasticsearch` into the web browser of choice.
  3. On the main page, there should be a section with `pcap` with the results of the plugin.

Congrats! Vent is setup and has successfully recognized the `pcap` file and ran a plugin that specifically deals with `pcaps`. You can now remove the `tcpdump_hex_parser` via the `Plugins` sub-menu and create and install your own [Custom Vent Plugins](#)

## 3.2 Custom Vent Plugins

Building custom vent plugins is an easy process.

Each custom vent plugin needs at least a `Dockerfile` and a `vent.template`. Read more about `Dockerfile` [here](#).

### 3.2.1 Vent.template Files

Vent template files are what Vent uses to build images into something it recognizes. Listed here are sections and their various options.

Look below for examples of a `vent.template` file.

### -docker

All possible options and their explanations are the same as the parameters for the python [Docker container run command](#).

For example, if we wanted the plugin's container to use the host network stack, the following would be written in the `vent.template` file:

```
[docker]
network_mode = host
```

### -gpu

Vent plugins can run solely on GPU if specified (extra `on`). This section sets the settings for GPU processing. At the moment, **only NVIDIA GPUs are supported**.

***dedicated*** Should the plugin be the only process running on the GPU? If it should be, set the option to `yes`. `no` by default.

***device*** If you know the GPU device's number, you can set it here.

***enabled*** Tell Vent to run the plugin on GPU

***mem\_mb*** The amount of RAM(in MB) a plugin requires.

### -info

All metadata about the custom plugin goes under this section.

***groups*** the group a plugin belongs to.

***name*** the plugin's name.

### -service

***uri\_prefix*** Services a tool exposes that need a more specific URL

### -settings

Options that specify how the plugin will run.

***ext\_types*** Whatever this option is set to is the file extension that Vent will run this plugin on. For example, `ext_types = jpg` means Vent will run this plugin if a `.jpg` file is placed in File Drop.

***priority*** Set the order in which tools get started. If a tool belongs to more than one group, it's possible to specify priorities for each group. The priorities are comma separated and in the same order that the groups are specified.

***process\_base*** Files put in File Drop by a user or process outside of Vent will get processed. This option is set to `yes` by default.

***process\_from\_tool*** Allows to specify if the tool should process files that are outputs from other tools specifically.

**instances** Allows you to specify how many instantiations of a tool you want running. For example, you could have two instances of `rq_worker` running. This would create two `rq_worker` containers, which would be useful for scaling larger amounts of work.

### 3.2.2 Example Custom Vent Plugin

Let's create a simple Vent plugin that uses `cat` to output the contents of a `.example` file. Let's create a `vent_plugin_example` directory and enter it.

First, let's create a simple `bash` script that will `cat` the contents of a file.

Listing 3.1: `cat.sh`

```
#!/bin/bash
cat $1
```

Next, a `Dockerfile` is needed so let's make it.

Listing 3.2: `Dockerfile`

```
FROM ubuntu:latest
ADD cat.sh .
ENTRYPOINT ["/cat.sh"]
CMD [""]
```

Lastly, a `vent.template` file is needed so Vent knows how to use the plugin:

Listing 3.3: `vent.template`

```
[info]
name = example plugin
groups = example

[settings]
ext_types = example
```

Here's an example of this plugin using GPUs to do work:

Listing 3.4: `vent.template`

```
[info]
name = example plugin
groups = example

[settings]
ext_types = example

[gpu]
enabled = yes
mem_mb = 1024
dedicated = yes
```

We need to add this to either a git repo or the docker hub. Let's use git. Push the `vent_plugin_example` into some repo.

Let's now add the custom plugin to Vent. From the plugins sub-menu, select `Add new plugin` and enter the fields with whatever repo `vent_plugin_example` was pushed to. After, select the branch, commit and leave `build` to `True`. Now select `example_plugin` and hit `OK`. Vent will now build the custom plugin.

To test, let's create a test file.

Listing 3.5: test.example

```
qwerty
```

Finally, with Vent and the plugin up and running and all core tools added, built, and running, let's drop `test.example` into `File Drop`. After a few seconds, the job counter on the main menu of Vent will show that one job is running, and it'll finish soon after and show one completed job.

To check that the plugin worked and outputted `qwerty`, let's check the syslog container using the command `docker logs cyberreboot-vent-syslog-master | grep qwerty`.

If you see this line, congrats! You have successfully built your first Vent plugin.

If the plugin did not function correctly, try rereading the tutorial or check the [Troubleshooting](#) guide.

Other examples of custom plugins can be found at [CyberReboot/vent-plugins](#).

### 3.3 Custom Configurations of Plugins

Say your custom plugin, called `example_plugin`, has a `example_plugin.config` file that it needs filled out before the plugin is built into an image.

Listing 3.6: example\_plugin.config

```
[Some_Section]
example_option1 = FILL IN
example_option2 = FILL IN
example_option3 = FILL IN
```

Vent can now fill in those values for you. In your home directory, have a file called `.plugin_config.yml`.

We'll fill in `.plugin_config.yml` with the necessary fields:

Listing 3.7: .plugin.config.yml

```
example_plugin
  Some_Section:
    example_option1 = 1
    example_option2 = 2
    example_option3 = 3
```

Vent will assume that, in the directory `example_plugin`, there exists another directory titled `config` that has the actual config file. The path of our example would be `example_plugin/config/example_plugin.config`.

Using this `.plugin_config.yml`, you can fill in multiple tools' config files at the same time.

If you make a change to your config files and want to rebuild the images using these new settings, **clean** and then **build** the plugin tools in the `plugins` submenu. Vent will fill in the config files with the new values.

## 3.4 Vent Initialization

This page describes the different actions that vent takes upon initialization.

### 3.4.1 File Structure

Vent will set up the necessary file structure to store all of the *User Data*

### 3.4.2 Auto-Install

Vent will detect if there are any vent images already running before an instance of itself is instantiated, and will automatically install the tools that correspond to that image without you having to do anything.

### 3.4.3 Startup

Before initialization you can specify a certain set of tools that you want vent to install once it starts up for the first time. You can do this by writing a `.vent_startup.yml` file in your home directory. If you do not know how YAML syntax works, [watch this quick video](#) for more info. The syntax that vent uses when parsing the `.vent_startup.yml` for tools is as follows:

```
repo_name:
  tool_name:
    <additional settings you want>
```

A thing to note, `tool_name` here means the name of the directory in which the `Dockerfile` and `vent.template` for the tool can be found. If you have multiple tools defined in the same directory, then use the syntax `@tool_name` to differentiate between the different tools in that directory. A lot of the additional settings you can configure are the same as what you would do for *Custom Vent Plugins*. These additional settings will be used to update the default settings for that tool (as defined in its `vent.template`), they will not overwrite the default settings. Besides those settings, there are some that are specific just to this startup file:

**build** If you set `build` to `yes`, then the tool will be installed and then built immediately rather than just installed.

**start** If you set `start` to `yes`, then the tool will be started immediately. **Note**, you have to set `build` to `yes` for a tool in order for you to be able to set `start` to `yes` as well.

**branch** For tools installed from a repo, if you want to install the tools from a specific branch of the repo, specify it with the `branch` keyword. By default, the master branch will be where the tools are installed from.

**version** For tools installed from a repo, if you want to install the tools from a specific commit version, specify it with the `version` keyword. By default, the version `HEAD` will be used to install tools.

### Example Startup

With that said, here is an example `.vent-startup.yml` file that vent could use:

```
https://github.com/cyberreboot/vent:
  rabbitmq:
    build: yes
    start: yes
  elasticsearch:
  rq_worker:
    build: yes
```



```
start: yes
settings:
  instances: 2
```

This would install the tools `rabbitmq`, `elasticsearch`, and `rq_worker`. Additionally, this would build and start `rabbitmq` and `rq_worker`, and it would set the number of instances in settings to 2 for `rq_worker`. Notice how with `elasticsearch` even though there were no additional parameters defined it still had the the colon at the end of its declaration. This is necessary otherwise a parsing error will occur with `YAML`.

## 3.5 Troubleshooting

### 3.5.1 Basic Troubleshooting

Something not working as expected within Vent? Not a problem! Let's first get some basic possible errors out of the way.

1. Is Docker installed and is the daemon running? Vent uses Docker heavily so it is necessary to have the Docker installed and the daemon running.
2. Is this the latest version of Vent? Ways to get the latest Vent version:
  - Using pip:

```
pip install vent && vent
```

Pip installs the latest *stable* release of Vent. If a problem still persists, try using the latest developer build:

- Using Docker:

```
docker pull cyberreboot/vent
docker run -it vent_image_id
```

- Using Git:

```
git clone https://github.com/CyberReboot/vent
cd vent && make && vent
```

### 3.5.2 In-Depth Troubleshooting

Still not working? That's fine! Let's get into the nitty gritty and try to figure out what went wrong.

#### Is it Vent that's causing the problem?

Firstly, let's see if it's Vent that's causing the problems. Go to the `User Data` folder and open up `vent.log` with your favorite text editor. Let's search the key term `False`. Iterate through the search results and look for `Status of some_function: False`. This tells us that one of Vent's core functions is not performing as expected. Next to it, there will be an error message explaining what went wrong.

If there's a problem with Vent's implementation, please create an issue [here](#).

### Is it a custom plugin that's causing the problem?

If there's no obvious error messages within `vent.log`, let's check any added plugin tools and their containers.

Run the command `docker logs cyberreboot-vent-syslog-master`. This will return all information about all plugin containers and any information regarding the error should be displayed here.

## 3.6 Contributing to Vent

Want to hack on Vent? Awesome! Here are instructions to get you started. They are probably not perfect, please let us know if anything feels wrong or incomplete.

### 3.6.1 Contribution guidelines

#### Pull requests are always welcome

We are always thrilled to receive pull requests, and do our best to process them as fast as possible. Not sure if that typo is worth a pull request? Do it! We will appreciate it.

If your pull request is not accepted on the first try, don't be discouraged! If there's a problem with the implementation, hopefully you received feedback on what to improve.

We're trying very hard to keep Vent lean and focused. We don't want it to do everything for everybody. This means that we might decide against incorporating a new feature. However, there might be a way to implement that feature *on top of* Vent.

#### Create issues...

Any significant improvement should be documented as a [github issue](#) before anybody starts working on it.

#### ...but check for existing issues first!

Please take a moment to check that an issue doesn't already exist documenting your bug report or improvement proposal. If it does, it never hurts to add a quick "+1" or "I have this problem too". This will help prioritize the most common problems and requests.

#### Conventions

Fork the repo and make changes on your fork in a feature branch.

Make sure you include relevant updates or additions to documentation and tests when creating or modifying features.

Pull requests descriptions should be as clear as possible and include a reference to all the issues that they address.

Code review comments may be added to your pull request. Discuss, then make the suggested modifications and push additional commits to your feature branch. Be sure to post a comment after pushing. The new commits will show up in the pull request automatically, but the reviewers will not be notified unless you comment.

Before the pull request is merged, make sure that you squash your commits into logical units of work using `git rebase -i` and `git push -f`. After every commit the test suite should be passing. Include documentation changes in the same commit so that a revert would remove all traces of the feature or fix.

Commits that fix or close an issue should include a reference like `Closes #XXX` or `Fixes #XXX`, which will automatically close the issue when merged.

Add your name to the `AUTHORS` file, but make sure the list is sorted and your name and email address match your git configuration. The `AUTHORS` file is regenerated occasionally from the git commit history, so a mismatch may result in your changes being overwritten.

## 3.6.2 Decision process

### How are decisions made?

Short answer: with pull requests to the Vent repository.

All decisions affecting Vent, big and small, follow the same 3 steps:

- Step 1: Open a pull request. Anyone can do this.
- Step 2: Discuss the pull request. Anyone can do this.
- Step 3: Accept or refuse a pull request. A maintainer does this.

### How can I become a maintainer?

- Step 1: learn the code inside out
- Step 2: make yourself useful by contributing code, bug fixes, support etc.

Don't forget: being a maintainer is a time investment. Make sure you will have time to make yourself available. You don't have to be a maintainer to make a difference on the project!

### What are a maintainer's responsibility?

It is every maintainer's responsibility to:

1. Deliver prompt feedback and decisions on pull requests.
2. Be available to anyone with questions, bug reports, criticism, etc. regarding Vent.

### How is this process changed?

Just like everything else: by making a pull request :)

Derivative work from [Docker](#)

## 3.7 New Vent Releases

Get the latest clone of Vent from <https://github.com/CyberReboot/vent>

1. Change the version number
  - `setup.py`
  - `docs/source/conf.py`
2. Edit `CHANGELOG.md` and include a list of changes that were made. Please follow previous formatting.
3. Commit the changes, open a PR, and merge into `master`.

4. Enter the `dev` directory and run `Make`. This will create an ISO of release version of Vent. Please be patient as this step will take some time.
5. Let's ensure the ISO is correct.

- In the directory where the ISO is located:

```
python -m SimpleHTTPServer
```

- We'll be using docker to create a **VirtualBox** VM for this step. This step will also take a considerable amount of time:

```
docker-machine create -d virtualbox --virtualbox-boot2docker-url http://  
↪localhost:8000/vent.iso vent
```

- Let's SSH into the VM created from the ISO that is running Vent

```
docker-machine ssh vent
```

An instance of Vent should appear with the new version number given above.

6. Now let's upload the release to pypi assuming there's an account with admin access and a corresponding `.pypirc`:

```
python setup.py sdist upload
```

7. Create a new github release. Tag and release title are the version number. Since we already added changes to our `CHANGELOG.md`, there's no need to rewrite all that information so leave it blank. Attach the ISO and publish the release
8. Finally, change the version number to the next version number with a `dev` tag. Eg: `0.4.4.dev`. Commit the version change, make a PR, and merge to `master`.

## 3.8 Core Tools and Plugins

### 3.8.1 Core Tool Explanations

There are currently nine core tools that Vent uses.

#### **elasticsearch**

Enables comprehensive text search of syslog.

#### **file\_drop**

Watches the specified directory for any new files. If a new file is added, it is added to a `redis` queue.

#### **network\_tap**

A container that will watch a specific nic using `tcpdump` to output `pcap` files based on what was monitored. Has an interface located in `System Commands -> Network Tap Interface` in the main action menu. The interface has six available actions:

- **Create:** Create a new container with a specified nic, tag, interval (in *seconds*), filter, and iterations. The container is also automatically started on creation.
- **Delete:** Delete a specified network tap container. Containers *must be stopped* before they are able to be deleted.
- **List:** Show all network tap containers. Will return container's ID, if the container is running or not, and the tag provided in `create`.
- **NICs:** Show all available network interfaces. Will return a list of the names of the available NICs. Note for Docker for Mac it will show available network interfaces on the VM running the Docker daemon, not the network interface names on the Mac host.
- **Start:** Start a network tap container if it is exited. Will run with the same options given to the container in `create`.
- **Stop:** Stop a network tap container.

### rabbitmq

Formats messages received from syslog and sends them to `rmq_es_connector`.

### redis

A key/value store that is used for the queuing system that `file_drop` sends to and `rq_worker` pulls out of.

### rmq\_es\_connector

A gateway between the messaging system and `elasticsearch`. This way, the message formatting system is not locked to `rabbitmq`.

### rq\_worker

The tool that takes files from the `redis` queue and runs plugins that deal with those file extensions.

### rq\_dashboard

Management console to look at `rq_worker`'s active queue.

### syslog

Standard logging system that adheres to the syslog standard. All tool containers send their information to syslog. If there's some unexpected outputs or a container isn't running properly, all information will be in this tool's container.

Access this tool's container with the command: `docker logs cyberreboot-vent-syslog-master`

## 3.8.2 Core Tool and Plugin Actions

Short explanations of all actions available in the core tools and plugins sub-menu.

### Add all latest core/plugin tools

Clone the latest version of the tool. This will **not** update or remove any tools that have already been added.

By default, core tools are cloned from [CyberReboot/vent](#) and plugins, if no custom repo is specified, are cloned from [CyberReboot/vent-plugins](#).

### Build core/plugin tools

Build docker images from the Dockerfiles obtained from adding.

### Clean core/plugin tools

Stop and remove the chosen tools' containers.

### Configure core/plugin tools

Edit a tool's vent.template file found in the tool's respective folder. Read more about [Vent.template Files](#).

### Disable core/plugin tools

Remove chosen tools from menus. For example, let's say there were ten tools but only five were needed. Disabling the five unneeded tools would stop those tools from appearing on the other menus.

### Enable core/plugin tools

Opposite of disable tools. Enables the tools so they can be seen again.

### Inventory of core/plugin tools

Provides meta data regarding currently added core/plugin tools. It tells if a tool is built, enabled, the name of the image, and the if the tool is currently running.

### Remove core/plugin tools

Remove a tool entirely. Any of that tool's containers are also stopped and deleted. The tool must be added again if it is to be used.

### Start core/plugin tools

Start the tools' respective containers.

### Stop core/plugin tools

Stop the tools' respective containers.

### Update core/plugin tools

Pulls the latest commit of the tool from its repo and builds it.

## 3.9 System Commands

This page describes what the different actions in the `System Commands` sub-menu do.

### 3.9.1 Backup

Saves the `vent.cfg` and the `plugin_manifest`.

### 3.9.2 Change vent configuration

Edit the `vent.cfg` in Vent. The `vent.cfg` file can be found in the directory listed next to `User Data` in the main Vent menu.

### 3.9.3 Detect GPUs

Detect GPU devices on the current machine running Vent. Currently works **with NVIDIA GPUs only**.

### 3.9.4 Enable Swarm Mode

To Be Implemented.

### 3.9.5 Factory reset

Remove all Vent related images and containers. Removes the `User Data` directory as well. Please back up any necessary information before activating this option.

### 3.9.6 Restore

Restores a backup.

### 3.9.7 Upgrade

To Be Implemented

### 3.9.8 Network Tap Interface

The interface in which to interact with the `Network Tap` core tool. Read more about [network\\_tap](#). Each form will also have more information regarding the specific action.

## 3.10 User Data

The User Data directory is listed on the Vent main menu. Here you can find five files and two directories here.

### 3.10.1 Files

#### `plugin_manifest.cfg`

Meta data about all built core and plugin tools.

#### `status.json`

All data regarding finished jobs is written to this JSON file. This file actually doesn't exist until a job is processed and **completed**. Each tool will get it's own JSON entry. If there were two tools that ran and finished, there will be one entry for each tool.

#### `vent.cfg`

A configuration file used to customize Vent and its processes.

#### `-main`

**files** The directory of File Drop. For example, if `files = /opt/vent_files`, Vent will monitor for any new files in that directory.

**service\_uri** Override the default POST name for all services. So, let's say Vent has Elasticsearch at URL `0.0.0.0:3772`.

By adding:

```
service_uri = 5.5.5.5
```

under the main section, the URL for Elasticsearch is now `5.5.5.5:3772`.

#### `-network-mapping`

**nic\_name** The option here can be whatever is desired. The value is the nic that the plugin tool `replay_pcap` will replay to.

For example:

```
my_nic = enp0s25
```

Now the plugin tool `replay_pcap` will mirror whatever given pcap files to `enp0s25`.

Currently, only one nic at a time is supported.



### -nvidia-docker-plugin

**port** Override port for the Nvidia docker plugin

**host** Override the host for the Nvidia docker plugin

### -external-services

Name of tool we want Vent to use externally rather than internally. For example, if there is already an Elasticsearch service that a user wants Vent to use rather than Vent's internal Elasticsearch, we could write:

```
[external-services]
Elasticsearch = {"ip_address": "172.10.5.3", "port": "9200",
"locally_active": "yes"}
```

If a port is not specified, then it defaults to core tool's default port. Also, you can toggle whether you want to use the local docker container that vent utilizes or the external service by switching `locally_active` between yes and no.

### -groups

**start\_order** The order in which the tool groups are started in csv format. For example:

```
core,pcap,replay
```

means that core tools are started first, then any tool in the `pcap` group, and lastly any tool in the `replay` group. Within those groups, plugin priority will determine the start order of the tools.

### vent.init

This file only tells Vent if this is the first time Vent is running so the tutorial can be the first menu listed rather than Vent's main menu.

### vent.log

Log file that keeps track of the statuses of Vent's functionality. It lists what action is taking place and shows a list of steps taken to perform that action. So if something goes wrong, this file is a good place to start to find out what the problem is.

## 3.10.2 Directories

### .internals

This is a folder that Vent clones to when dealing with core tools. So when Vent adds or builds core tools, this is the working directory.

### plugins

This folder deals with any plugin tools with the same philosophy as the `.internals` directory.

## 3.11 vent.api package

### 3.11.1 Submodules

### 3.11.2 vent.api.actions module

```
class vent.api.actions.Action (**kargs)
    Handle actions in menu

add (repo, tools=None, overrides=None, version='HEAD', branch='master', build=True, user=None,
      pw=None, groups=None, version_alias=None, wild=None, remove_old=True, disable_old=True)
    Add a new set of tool(s)

add_image (image, link_name, tag=None, registry=None, groups=None)
    Add a new image from a Docker registry

backup ()
    Saves the configuration information of the current running vent instance to be used for restoring at a later
    time

build (repo=None, name=None, groups=None, enabled='yes', branch='master', version='HEAD')
    Build a set of tools that match the parameters given

clean (repo=None, name=None, groups=None, enabled='yes', branch='master', version='HEAD')
    Clean (stop and remove) a set of tools that match the parameters given, if no parameters are given, clean
    all installed tools on the master branch at version HEAD that are enabled

static configure ()

disable (repo=None, name=None, groups=None, enabled='yes', branch='master', ver-
          sion='HEAD')
    Take an enabled tool and disable it

enable (repo=None, name=None, groups=None, enabled='no', branch='master', version='HEAD')
    Take a disabled tool and enable it

get_configure (repo=None, name=None, groups=None, enabled='yes', branch='master', ver-
                 sion='HEAD', main_cfg=False)
    Get the vent.template settings for a given tool by looking at the plugin_manifest

static get_request (url)
    Send a get request to the given url

    Args: url(str): url to send the data to. Eg: http://0.0.0.0:37728

    Returns: A tuple of success status and whatever the url is supposed to give after a GET request or a failure
    message

static get_vent_tool_url (tool_name)
    Iterate through all containers and grab the port number corresponding to the given tool name. Works for
    only CORE tools since it specifically looks for core

    Args: tool_name(str): tool name to search for. Eg: network-tap

    Returns: A tuple of success status and the url corresponding to the given tool name or a failure message.
    An example return url is http://0.0.0.0:37728. Works well with send_request and get_request.

static help ()

inventory (choices=None)
    Return a dictionary of the inventory items and status
```

**logs** (*c\_type=None, grep\_list=None*)

Generically filter logs stored in log containers

**static post\_request** (*url, json\_data*)

Send a application/json post request to the given url

**Args:** url(str): url to send the data to. Eg: <http://0.0.0.0:37728> json\_data(dict): json obj with data that will be sent to specified

url

action(str): what is being done. Eg: 'starting a container'

**Returns:** A tuple of success status and whatever the url is supposed to give after a POST request or a failure message

**prep\_start** (*repo=None, name=None, groups=None, enabled='yes', branch='master', version='HEAD'*)

Prep a bunch of containers to be started to they can be ordered

**remove** (*repo=None, namespace=None, name=None, groups=None, enabled='yes', branch='master', version='HEAD', built='yes'*)

Remove tools or a repo

**reset** ()

Factory reset all of Vent's user data, containers, and images

**restart\_tools** (*repo=None, name=None, groups=None, enabled='yes', branch='master', version='HEAD', main\_cfg=False, old\_val="", new\_val=""*)

Restart necessary tools based on changes that have been made either to vent.cfg or to vent.template. This includes tools that need to be restarted because they depend on other tools that were changed.

**restore** (*backup\_dir*)

Restores a vent configuration from a previously backed up version

**save\_configure** (*repo=None, name=None, groups=None, enabled='yes', branch='master', version='HEAD', config\_val="", from\_registry=False, main\_cfg=False, instances=1*)

Save changes made to vent.template through npyscreen to the template and to plugin\_manifest

**start** (*tool\_d*)

Start a set of tools that match the parameters given, if no parameters are given, start all installed tools on the master branch at version HEAD that are enabled

**startup** ()

Automatically detect if a startup file is specified and stand up a vent host with all necessary tools based on the specifications in that file

**stop** (*repo=None, name=None, groups=None, enabled='yes', branch='master', version='HEAD'*)

Stop a set of tools that match the parameters given, if no parameters are given, stop all installed tools on the master branch at version HEAD that are enabled

**tool\_status\_checker** (*tool\_name*)

Reads from the plugin manifest. Checks to see if: 1. plugin manifest exists 2. if the given tool is built 3. if the given tool is running

**Args:** tool\_name(str): tool name. Checks plugin manifest option *name*

**Returns:** A tuple of success status, and a tuple containing: bool describing if plugin manifest exists, bool describing if tool is built, bool describing if tool is running. eg: (True, (True, True, False))

**tool\_status\_output** (*tool\_name*)

Function uses tool\_status\_checker to see tool status. Using that, it will return messages to output

**Args:** tool\_name(str): tool name

**Returns:** A tuple of success status and a string to display

**update** (*repo=None, name=None, groups=None, enabled='yes', branch='master', version='HEAD', new\_version='HEAD'*)

Update a set of tools that match the parameters given, if no parameters are given, updated all installed tools on the master branch at version HEAD that are enabled

**static upgrade** ()

### 3.11.3 vent.api.menu\_helpers module

**class** vent.api.menu\_helpers.**MenuHelper** (*\*\*kargs*)

Handle helper functions in the API for the Menu

**cores** (*action, branch='master', version='HEAD'*)

Supply action (install, build, start, stop, clean) for core tools

**repo\_branches** (*repo*)

Get the branches of a repository

**repo\_commits** (*repo*)

Get the commit IDs for all of the branches of a repository

**repo\_tools** (*repo, branch, version*)

Get available tools for a repository branch at a version

**tools\_status** (*core, branch='master', version='HEAD', \*\*kargs*)

Get tools that are currently installed/built/running and also the number of repos that those tools come from; can toggle whether looking for core tools or plugin tools

### 3.11.4 vent.api.plugin\_helpers module

**class** vent.api.plugin\_helpers.**PluginHelper** (*\*\*kargs*)

Handle helper functions for the Plugin class

**apply\_path** (*repo*)

Set path to where the repo is and return original path

**available\_tools** (*path, version='HEAD', groups=None*)

Return list of possible tools in repo for the given version and branch

**checkout** (*branch='master', version='HEAD'*)

Checkout a specific version and branch of a repo

**clone** (*repo, user=None, pw=None*)

Clone the repository

**constraint\_options** (*constraint\_dict, options*)

Return result of constraints and options against a template

**get\_path** (*repo, core=False*)

Return the path for the repo

**prep\_start** (*repo=None, name=None, groups=None, enabled='yes', branch='master', version='HEAD'*)

Start a set of tools that match the parameters given, if no parameters are given, start all installed tools on the master branch at version HEAD that are enabled

**start\_containers** (*container, tool\_d, s\_containers, f\_containers*)

Start container that was passed in and return status

**start\_priority\_containers** (*groups, group\_orders, tool\_d*)

Select containers based on priorities to start

**start\_remaining\_containers** (*containers\_remaining, tool\_d*)

Select remaining containers that didn't have priorities to start

**start\_sections** (*s, files, groups, enabled, branch, version*)

Run through sections for prep\_start

**static tool\_matches** (*tools=None, version='HEAD'*)

Get the tools paths and versions that were specified

### 3.11.5 vent.api.plugins module

**class** `vent.api.plugins.Plugin` (*\*\*kwargs*)

Handle Plugins

**add** (*repo, tools=None, overrides=None, version='HEAD', branch='master', build=True, user=None, pw=None, groups=None, version\_alias=None, wild=None, remove\_old=True, disable\_old=True, limit\_groups=None, core=False*)

Adds a plugin of tool(s) tools is a list of tuples, where the pair is a tool name (path to Dockerfile) and version tools are for explicitly limiting which tools and versions (if version in tuple is "", then defaults to version) overrides is a list of tuples, where the pair is a tool name (path to Dockerfile) and a version overrides are for explicitly removing tools and overriding versions of tools (if version in tuple is "", then tool is removed, otherwise that tool is checked out at the specific version in the tuple) if tools and overrides are left as empty lists, then all tools in the repo are pulled down at the version and branch specified or defaulted to version is globally set for all tools, unless overridden in tools or overrides branch is globally set for all tools build is a boolean of whether or not to build the tools now user is the username for a private repo if needed pw is the password to go along with the username for a private repo groups is globally set for all tools version\_alias is globally set for all tools and is a mapping from a friendly version tag to the real version commit ID wild lets you specify individual overrides for additional values in the tuple of tools or overrides. wild is a list containing one or more of the following: branch, build, groups, version\_alias the order of the items in the wild list will expect values to be tacked on in the same order to the tuple for tools and overrides in addition to the tool name and version remove\_old lets you specify whether or not to remove previously found tools that match to ones being added currently (note does not stop currently running instances of the older version) disable\_old lets you specify whether or not to disable previously found tools that match to ones being added currently (note does not stop currently running instances of the older version) limit\_groups is a list of groups to build tools for that match group names in vent.template of each tool if exists Examples: - repo=fe: (get all tools from repo 'fe' at version 'HEAD' on branch 'master') - repo=foo, version="3d1f", branch="foo": (get all tools from repo 'foo' at version '3d1f' on branch 'foo') - repo=foo, tools=[('bar', ''), ('baz', '1d32')]: (get only 'bar' from repo 'foo' at version 'HEAD' on branch 'master' and 'baz' from repo 'foo' at version '1d32' on branch 'master', ignore all other tools in repo 'foo') - repo=foo overrides=[('baz/bar', ''), ('.', '1c4e')], version='4fad': (get all tools from repo 'foo' at version '4fad' on branch 'master' except 'baz/bar' and for tool '.' get version '1c4e') - repo=foo tools=[('bar', '1a2d')], overrides=[('baz', 'f2a1')]: (not a particularly useful example, but get 'bar' from 'foo' at version '1a2d' and get 'baz' from 'foo' at version 'f2a1' on branch 'master', ignore all other tools)

**add\_image** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

**auto\_install** ()

Automatically detects images and installs them in the manifest if they are not there already

**builder** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

**current\_version** (*name, namespace=None, branch='master'*)

Return current version for a given tool

**disable** (*name, namespace=None, branch='master', version='HEAD'*)

Disable tool at a specific version, default to head

**enable** (*name, namespace=None, branch='master', version='HEAD'*)

Enable tool at a specific version, default to head

**fill\_config** (*path*)

Will take a yml located in home directory titled '.plugin\_config.yml'. It'll then fill in, using the yml, the plugin's config file

**list\_tools** ()

Return list of tuples of all tools

**remove** (*name=None, repo=None, namespace=None, branch='master', groups=None, enabled='yes', version='HEAD', built='yes'*)

Remove tool (name) or repository, repository is the url. If no arguments are specified, all tools will be removed for the defaults.

**state** (*name, namespace=None, branch='master'*)

Return state of a tool, disabled/enabled for each version

**update** (*name=None, repo=None, namespace=None, branch=None, groups=None*)

Update tool (name) or repository, repository is the url. If no arguments are specified, all tools will be updated

**versions** (*name, namespace=None, branch='master'*)

Return available versions of a tool

### 3.11.6 vent.api.templates module

**class** `vent.api.templates.Template` (*template=None*)

Handle parsing templates

**add\_option** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

**add\_section** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

**constrained\_sections** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

**del\_option** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

**del\_section** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

**option** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

**options** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

**section** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

**sections** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

**set\_option** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

**write\_config** (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

### 3.11.7 Module contents

## 3.12 vent.core package

### 3.12.1 Subpackages

vent.core.file\_drop package

Submodules

vent.core.file\_drop.file\_drop module

```
class vent.core.file_drop.file_drop.GZHandler(patterns=None, ignore_patterns=None,
                                              ignore_directories=False,
                                              case_sensitive=False)
    Bases: watchdog.events.PatternMatchingEventHandler
    Handles when an event on the directory being watched happens that matches the values in patterns
    created_files = set([])
    ignore_patterns = ['*-miscellaneous*']
    on_created(event)
    on_modified(event)
    patterns = ['*']
    process(event)
        event.event_type 'modified' | 'created' | 'moved' | 'deleted'
        event.is_directory True | False
        event.src_path path/to/observed/file
    q = Queue(u'default')
    r = StrictRedis<ConnectionPool<Connection<host=redis,port=6379,db=0>>>
```

## Module contents

### vent.core.network\_tap package

#### Subpackages

### vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol package

#### Subpackages

### vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.rest package

#### Submodules

### vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.rest.create module

**class** vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.rest.create.**CreatorR**

This endpoint is for creating a new filter

**static POST()**

Send a POST request with id/nic/interval/filter/iters and it will start a container for collection with those specifications

### vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.rest.delete module

**class** vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.rest.delete.**DeleterR**

This endpoint is for deleting a network tap filter container

**static POST()**

Send a POST request with a docker container ID and it will be deleted.

Example input: {'id': "12345"}, {'id': ["123", "456"]}

### vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.rest.nics module

**class** vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.rest.nics.**NICsR**

This endpoint is for listing all available network interfaces

**static GET()**

### vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.rest.nlist module

**class** vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.rest.nlist.**ListR**

This endpoint is for listing all filter containers

**static GET()**



**vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.rest.start module**

**class** vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.rest.start.**StartR**

This endpoint is for starting a network tap filter container

**static POST()**

Send a POST request with a docker container ID and it will be started.

Example input: {'id': "12345"}, {'id': ["123", "456"]}

**vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.rest.stop module**

**class** vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.rest.stop.**StopR**

This endpoint is for stopping a network tap filter container

**static POST()**

Send a POST request with a docker container ID and it will be stopped.

Example input: {'id': "12345"}, {'id': ["123", "456"]}

**Module contents****Submodules****vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.ncontrol module**

**class** vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.ncontrol.**NControl**

This class is for defining things needed to start up.

**static urls()**

**class** vent.core.network\_tap.ncontrol.ncontrol.**NControlServer** (*port=8080,*  
*host='0.0.0.0'*)

Bases: object

This class is responsible for initializing the urls and web server.

**Module contents****Module contents****vent.core.rmqs\_es\_connector package****Submodules****vent.core.rmqs\_es\_connector.rmqs\_es\_connector module**

**class** vent.core.rmqs\_es\_connector.rmqs\_es\_connector.**RmqEs** (*es\_host='elasticsearch',*  
*rmq\_host='rabbitmq'*)

opens a connection to rabbitmq and receives messages based on the provided binding keys and then takes those messages and sends them to an elasticsearch index

**callback** (*ch, method, properties, body*)

callback triggered on rabbitmq message received and sends it to an elasticsearch index

**channel** = None

**connections** (*wait*)

wait for connections to both rabbitmq and elasticsearch to be made before binding a routing key to a channel and sending messages to elasticsearch

**consume** ()

start consuming rabbitmq messages

**es\_conn** = None

**es\_host** = None

**es\_port** = 9200

**queue\_name** = None

**rmq\_host** = None

**rmq\_port** = 5672

**start** ()

start the channel listener and start consuming messages

## vent.core.rmqueue.connector.test\_rmqueue.connector module

**class** vent.core.rmqueue.connector.test\_rmqueue.connector.**Method** (*routing\_key='foo.bar'*)

create mock method object

**routing\_key** = None

vent.core.rmqueue.connector.test\_rmqueue.connector.**test\_rmqueue.connector\_callback** ()

tests the callback function

vent.core.rmqueue.connector.test\_rmqueue.connector.**test\_rmqueue.connector\_connections** ()

tests the connections function

vent.core.rmqueue.connector.test\_rmqueue.connector.**test\_rmqueue.connector\_start** ()

tests the start function

## Module contents

### vent.core.rq\_worker package

#### Submodules

#### vent.core.rq\_worker.test\_watch module

vent.core.rq\_worker.test\_watch.**test\_file\_queue** ()

Tests simulation of new file

vent.core.rq\_worker.test\_watch.**test\_gpu\_queue** ()

Tests simulation of gpu job

vent.core.rq\_worker.test\_watch.**test\_settings** ()

Tests settings

## vent.core.rq\_worker.watch module

`vent.core.rq_worker.watch.file_queue` (*path*, *template\_path*='vent', *r\_host*='redis')

Processes files that have been added from the rq-worker, starts plugins that match the mime type for the new file.

`vent.core.rq_worker.watch.gpu_queue` (*options*)

Queued up containers waiting for GPU resources

## Module contents

### 3.12.2 Module contents

## 3.13 vent.helpers package

### 3.13.1 Submodules

### 3.13.2 vent.helpers.errors module

`vent.helpers.errors.ErrorHandler` (*function*)

### 3.13.3 vent.helpers.logs module

`vent.helpers.logs.Logger` (*name*, *\*\*kargs*)

Create and return logger

### 3.13.4 vent.helpers.meta module

`vent.helpers.meta.Containers` (*vent=True*, *running=True*)

Get containers that are created, by default limit to vent containers that are running

`vent.helpers.meta.Cpu` ()

Get number of available CPUs

`vent.helpers.meta.Dependencies` (*tools*)

Takes in a list of tools that are being updated and returns any tools that depend on linking to them

`vent.helpers.meta.Docker` ()

Get Docker setup information

`vent.helpers.meta.DropLocation` ()

Get the directory that file drop is watching

`vent.helpers.meta.Gpu` (*pull=False*)

Check for support of GPUs, and return what's available

`vent.helpers.meta.GpuUsage` (*\*\*kargs*)

Get the current GPU usage of available GPUs

`vent.helpers.meta.Images` (*vent=True*)

Get images that are build, by default limit to vent images

```
vent.helpers.meta.Jobs()
    Get the number of jobs that are running and finished, and the number of total tools running and finished for those jobs

vent.helpers.meta.ParsedSections(file_val)
    Get the sections and options of a file returned as a dictionary

vent.helpers.meta.Services(core, vent=True, external=False, **kargs)
    Get services that have exposed ports, expects param core to be True or False based on which type of services to return, by default limit to vent containers and processes not running externally, if not limited by vent containers, then core is ignored.

vent.helpers.meta.System()
    Get system operating system

vent.helpers.meta.Timestamp()
    Get the current datetime in UTC

vent.helpers.meta.Tools(**kargs)
    Get tools that exist in the manifest

vent.helpers.meta.Uptime()
    Get the current uptime information

vent.helpers.meta.Version()
    Get Vent version
```

### 3.13.5 vent.helpers.paths module

```
class vent.helpers.paths.PathDirs(base_dir='/home/docs/.vent/', plugins_dir='plugins/', meta_dir='/home/docs/.vent')
    Global path directories for vent

    static ensure_dir(path)
        Tries to create directory, if fails, checks if path already exists

    static ensure_file(path)
        Checks if file exists, if fails, tries to create file

    host_config()
        Ensure the host configuration file exists

    static rel_path(name, available_tools)
        Extracts relative path to a tool (from the main cloned directory) out of available_tools based on the name it is given
```

### 3.13.6 Module contents

## 3.14 vent.menus package

### 3.14.1 Submodules

#### 3.14.2 vent.menus.add module

```
class vent.menus.add.AddForm(name=None, parentApp=None, framed=None, help=None,
                               color='FORMDEFAULT', widget_list=None, cy-
                               cle_widgets=False, *args, **keywords)
    Bases: npyscreen.fmActionForm.ActionForm

    For for adding a new repo

    create()
        Create widgets for AddForm

    default_repo = 'https://github.com/cyberreboot/vent-plugins'

    on_cancel()
        When user clicks cancel, will return to MAIN

    on_ok()
        Add the repository

    quit(*args, **kwargs)
        Overridden to switch back to MAIN form
```

#### 3.14.3 vent.menus.add\_options module

```
class vent.menus.add_options.AddOptionsForm(name=None, parentApp=None,
                                                framed=None, help=None,
                                                color='FORMDEFAULT', wid-
                                                get_list=None, cycle_widgets=False, *args,
                                                **keywords)

    Bases: npyscreen.fmActionForm.ActionForm

    For specifying options when adding a repo

    branch_cb = {}

    branches = []

    build_tc = {}

    commit_tc = {}

    commits = {}

    create()
        Update with current branches and commits

    error = None

    on_cancel()

    on_ok()
        Take the branch, commit, and build selection and add them as plugins
```

```
quit (*args, **kwargs)

repo_values ()
    Set the appropriate repo dir and get the branches and commits of it
```

### 3.14.4 vent.menus.backup module

```
class vent.menus.backup.BackupForm (*args, **keywords)
    Bases: npyscreen.fmActionForm.ActionForm

    Form that can be used to select a backup file to restore

    create ()
        Add backup files to select from

    on_cancel ()
        When user clicks cancel, will return to MAIN

    on_ok ()
        Perform restoration on the backup file selected

    quit (*args, **kwargs)
```

### 3.14.5 vent.menus.choose\_tools module

```
class vent.menus.choose_tools.ChooseToolsForm (name=None,          parentApp=None,
                                                framed=None,         help=None,
                                                color='FORMDEFAULT',   wid-
                                                get_list=None,    cycle_widgets=False,
                                                *args, **keywords)

    Bases: npyscreen.fmActionForm.ActionForm

    For picking which tools to add

    create ()
        Update with current tools for each branch at the version chosen

    on_cancel ()

    on_ok ()
        Take the tool selections and add them as plugins

    quit (*args, **kwargs)

    repo_tools (branch)
        Set the appropriate repo dir and get the tools available of it

    tools_tc = {}
```

### 3.14.6 vent.menus.del\_instances module

```
class vent.menus.del_instances.DeleteForm (*args, **keywords)
    Bases: npyscreen.fmActionForm.ActionForm

    A form for selecting instances to delete and deleting them

    change_screens ()
        Change to the next tool to edit or back to MAIN form
```

```

create ()
    Creates the necessary display for this form

on_cancel ()
    Exits the form without performing any action

on_ok ()
    Delete the instances that the user chose to delete

quit (*args, **kwargs)
    Quit without making any changes to the tool

class vent.menus.del_instances.InstanceSelect (*args, **kwargs)
    Bases: npyscreen.wgmultiselect.MultiSelect

    A widget class for selecting an exact amount of instances to perform actions on

safe_to_exit (*args, **kwargs)
    Overridden to prevent user from exiting selection until they have selected the right amount of instances

when_value_edited (*args, **kwargs)
    Overridden to prevent user from selecting too many instances

```

### 3.14.7 vent.menus.editor module

```

class vent.menus.editor.EditorForm(repo="", tool_name="", branch="", version="",
                                     next_tool=None, just_downloaded=False,
                                     vent_cfg=False, from_registry=False,
                                     new_instance=False, *args, **kwargs)
    Bases: npyscreen.fmActionForm.ActionForm

    Form that can be used as a pseudo text editor in npyscreen

change_screens ()
    Change to the next tool to edit or back to MAIN form

create ()
    Create multi-line widget for editing

on_cancel ()
    Don't save changes made to vent.template

on_ok ()
    Save changes made to vent.template

static valid_input (val)
    Ensure the input the user gave is of a valid format

```

### 3.14.8 vent.menus.help module

```

class vent.menus.help.HelpForm (*args, **kwargs)
    Bases: npyscreen.fmFormWithMenus.ActionFormWithMenus

    Help form for the Vent CLI

change_forms (*args, **kwargs)
    Checks which form is currently displayed and toggles to the other one

create ()
    Override method for creating FormBaseNew form

```

```
exit (*args, **keywords)
on_cancel()
on_ok()
static switch(page)
```

### 3.14.9 vent.menus.inventory module

```
class vent.menus.inventory.InventoryForm(action=None, logger=None, *args, **keywords)
    Bases: npyscreen.fmForm.FormBaseNew
    Inventory form for the Vent CLI

    create()
        Override method for creating FormBaseNew form

    quit (*args, **kwargs)
        Overridden to switch back to MAIN form

    toggle_view (*args, **kwargs)
```

### 3.14.10 vent.menus.inventory\_forms module

```
class vent.menus.inventory_forms.BaseInventoryForm(action_dict=None,          ac-
                                                    tion_name=None, *args, **key-
                                                    words)
    Bases: vent.menus.inventory.InventoryForm
    Base form to inherit from

class vent.menus.inventory_forms.InventoryCoreToolsForm(*args, **keywords)
    Bases: vent.menus.inventory_forms.BaseInventoryForm
    Inventory Core Tools form for the Vent CLI

class vent.menus.inventory_forms.InventoryToolsForm(*args, **keywords)
    Bases: vent.menus.inventory_forms.BaseInventoryForm
    Inventory Tools form for the Vent CLI
```

### 3.14.11 vent.menus.logs module

```
class vent.menus.logs.LogsForm(name=None, parentApp=None, framed=None, help=None,
                                color='FORMDEFAULT', widget_list=None, cy-
                                cle_widgets=False, *args, **keywords)
    Bases: npyscreen.fmForm.FormBaseNew
    Logs form for the Vent CLI

    create()
        Override method for creating FormBaseNew form

    quit (*args, **kwargs)
        Overridden to switch back to MAIN form
```



### 3.14.12 vent.menus.main module

```
class vent.menus.main.MainForm (*args, **keywords)
    Bases: npyscreen.fmFormWithMenus.FormBaseNewWithMenus

    Main information landing form for the Vent CLI

    add_form (form, form_name, form_args)
        Add new form and switch to it

    static core_tools (action)
        Perform actions for core tools

    create ()
        Override method for creating FormBaseNewWithMenu form

    static exit (*args, **kwargs)

    help_form (*args, **keywords)
        Toggles to help

    perform_action (action)
        Perform actions in the api from the CLI

    remove_forms (form_names)
        Remove all forms supplied

    switch_tutorial (action)
        Tutorial forms

    system_commands (action)
        Perform system commands

    static t_status (core)
        Get status of tools for either plugins or core

    while_waiting ()
        Update fields periodically if nothing is happening
```

### 3.14.13 vent.menus.ntap module

```
class vent.menus.ntap.ActionNTap (n_action=None, *args, **kwargs)
    Bases: npyscreen.fmActionForm.ActionForm

    Base class to inherit from.

    create ()

    on_cancel ()
        When user cancels, return to MAIN

    on_ok ()

    quit (*args, **kwargs)
        Overriden to switch back to MAIN form

class vent.menus.ntap.CreateNTap (name=None, parentApp=None, framed=None, help=None,
                                   color='FORMDEFAULT', widget_list=None, cy-
                                   cle_widgets=False, *args, **keywords)
    Bases: npyscreen.fmActionForm.ActionForm

    For creating a new network tap container
```

```
create ()  
on_cancel ()  
    When user cancels, return to MAIN  
on_ok ()  
quit (*args, **kwargs)  
    Overriden to switch back to MAIN form  
class vent.menus.ntap.DeleteNTap (*args, **kwargs)  
    Bases: vent.menus.ntap.ActionNTap  
  
    Delete inheritance  
class vent.menus.ntap.ListNTap (name=None, parentApp=None, framed=None, help=None,  
                                color='FORMDEFAULT', widget_list=None, cy-  
                                cle_widgets=False, *args, **keywords)  
    Bases: npyscreen.fmActionForm.ActionForm  
  
    For listing all network tap capture containers  
  
    create ()  
  
    on_cancel ()  
        When user cancels, return to MAIN  
  
    on_ok ()  
  
    quit (*args, **kwargs)  
        Overriden to switch back to MAIN form  
  
class vent.menus.ntap.NICsNTap (name=None, parentApp=None, framed=None, help=None,  
                                color='FORMDEFAULT', widget_list=None, cy-  
                                cle_widgets=False, *args, **keywords)  
    Bases: npyscreen.fmActionForm.ActionForm  
  
    For listing all available network interfaces  
  
    create ()  
  
    on_cancel ()  
        When user cancels, return to MAIN  
  
    on_ok ()  
  
    quit (*args, **kwargs)  
        Overriden to switch back to MAIN form  
  
class vent.menus.ntap.StartNTap (*args, **kwargs)  
    Bases: vent.menus.ntap.ActionNTap  
  
    Delete inheritance  
  
class vent.menus.ntap.StopNTap (*args, **kwargs)  
    Bases: vent.menus.ntap.ActionNTap  
  
    Delete inheritance
```

### 3.14.14 vent.menus.services module

```
class vent.menus.services.ServicesForm (*args, **keywords)  
    Bases: npyscreen.fmForm.FormBaseNew
```

Services form for the Vent CLI

```
create ()
    Override method for creating FormBaseNew form

quit (*args, **kwargs)
    Overridden to switch back to MAIN form
```

### 3.14.15 vent.menus.tools module

```
class vent.menus.tools.ToolForm(*args, **keywords)
    Bases: npyscreen.fmActionForm.ActionForm

    Tools form for the Vent CLI

    create (group_view=False)
        Update with current tools

    on_cancel ()
        When user clicks cancel, will return to MAIN

    on_ok ()
        Take the tool selections and perform the provided action on them

    quit (*args, **kwargs)
        Overridden to switch back to MAIN form

    toggle_view (*args, **kwargs)
        Toggles the view between different groups
```

### 3.14.16 vent.menus.tutorial\_forms module

```
class vent.menus.tutorial_forms.TutorialAddingFilesForm(*args, **keywords)
    Bases: vent.menus.tutorials.TutorialForm

    Tutorial Adding Files form for the Vent CLI

class vent.menus.tutorial_forms.TutorialAddingPluginsForm(*args, **keywords)
    Bases: vent.menus.tutorials.TutorialForm

    Tutorial Adding Plugins form for the Vent CLI

class vent.menus.tutorial_forms.TutorialBackgroundForm(*args, **keywords)
    Bases: vent.menus.tutorials.TutorialForm

    Tutorial Background form for the Vent CLI

class vent.menus.tutorial_forms.TutorialBuildingCoresForm(*args, **keywords)
    Bases: vent.menus.tutorials.TutorialForm

    Tutorial Building Cores form for the Vent CLI

class vent.menus.tutorial_forms.TutorialGettingSetupForm(*args, **keywords)
    Bases: vent.menus.tutorials.TutorialForm

    Tutorial Getting Setup form for the Vent CLI

class vent.menus.tutorial_forms.TutorialIntroForm(*args, **keywords)
    Bases: vent.menus.tutorials.TutorialForm

    Tutorial introduction landing form for the Vent CLI
```

```
class vent.menus.tutorial_forms.TutorialStartingCoresForm(*args, **keywords)
    Bases: vent.menus.tutorials.TutorialForm

    Tutorial Starting Cores form for the Vent CLI

class vent.menus.tutorial_forms.TutorialTerminologyForm(*args, **keywords)
    Bases: vent.menus.tutorials.TutorialForm

    Tutorial terminology form for the Vent CLI

class vent.menus.tutorial_forms.TutorialTroubleshootingForm(*args, **keywords)
    Bases: vent.menus.tutorials.TutorialForm

    Tutorial troubleshooting form for the Vent CLI
```

### 3.14.17 vent.menus.tutorials module

```
class vent.menus.tutorials.TutorialForm(title="", text="", next_tutorial="", *args, **key-
                                     words)
    Bases: npyscreen.fmFormWithMenus.ActionFormWithMenus

    Tutorial form for the Vent CLI

    create()
        Overridden to add handlers and content

    on_cancel()
        When user clicks cancel, will return to MAIN

    on_ok()
        When user clicks ok, will proceed to next tutorial

    quit(*args, **kwargs)
        Overridden to switch back to MAIN form

    switch(name)
        Wrapper that switches to provided form
```

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